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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A method for detecting the presence in a sample, contained in a sterile receptacle, of at least one micro-organism, whatever its breathing metabolism (aerobic or anaerobic), the sample being in contact with a culture medium. The method includes adding into the receptacle at least a solid inert sterile support, incubating at a suitable temperature; and observing the variation in at least one characteristic related to the presence of the micro-organism(s) to be detected in the receptacle. The method is particularly applicable in the field of diagnosis. Also disclosed is a support used in the method.